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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention relates to a light phase modulator, which is based on a multi-gate transistor, sandwiching a Silicon-on-Insulator manowine used as an optical waveguide

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G02F1/025

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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